MATTANCHERI-ERNAKULAM RAILWAY LANDING

510. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) (*i*) whether they are aware that the Railway has been extended to the brink of the backwater at Ernakulam;

(*b*) (*ii*) whether they are aware that the Railway Ferry, conveying passengers to and from Mattancheri and Ernakulam Railway Station, have been landing right at the Ernakulam station water-basin, to board the train, without any further need of conveyances;

(*b*) is the Government aware where passengers now land from the Railway Ferry at Ernakulam, and that they need further transport facilities to get to the Ernakulam Railway Station;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*i*) from what funds the Jetty and Landing in front of the extension of the Railway to the brink of the backwater have been built;

(*ii*) the reason why the above Jetty and Landing are not open to the public of Cochin;

(*iii*) the reason why this landing place is kept reserved for the use of foreigners that land from steamers in the Port;

(*d*) is there any special reason why this landing place could not be thrown open for the use of Indian passengers;

(*e*) would it not be profitable for the Railway to start the trains from the brink of the backwater—from this at present—reserved landing place—by levying reasonable railway fare, between this landing place and the Ernakulam Railway Station;

(*f*) is the Government aware of the additional trouble and expenses Indian passengers are put to, at present, by having to go across the road, from the present railway landing place to the Railway Station;

(*g*) would the Government be pleased to take steps to remove this inconvenience to Indian passengers, and

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to get the jetty and landing place now reserved open to the railway ferry;

(*h*) is there anything preventing the Government from directing or requesting the South Indian Railway to have our Shoranur-Ernakulam Railway Service extended to this above reserved landing, for the use of the general public at large, instead of keeping it as a close preserve for the traffic of foreigners?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) (*i*) Yes.

(*ii*) Yes.

(*b*) Passengers from the Railway ferry are now landing at the Jail Jetty. There is some distance from the Jetty to the station and passengers may find it necessary to arrange for further transport.

(*c*) (*i*) The Jetty and landing in front of the extension of the Railway were constructed by the Harbour Authorities at their cost.

(*ii*) As the Jetty and the boat train platform were constructed solely for the benefit of the Overseas' passengers arriving at or departing from Cochin Port, they have not been thrown open to the public.

(*iii*) The landing place is not reserved for the use of foreigners alone; Indian Overseas' passengers also use the landing.

(*d*) Vide answer to (*ii*) and (*iii*) of sub-division (*c*).

(*e*) This question does not arise in view of the fact that on the opening of the Railway extension and the Harbour Railway, which will take place shortly, the present Ernakulam station will be closed for passenger traffic.

(*f*) Vide answer to sub-division (*b*).

(*g*) and (*h*) No answer is necessary in view of the answers to sub-divisions (*c*) and (*e*).

UNEMPLOYED COCHINITES WITH TEACHER'S TRAINING OF—PREPARATION OF LIST

511. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Referring to the answers given by the Government for questions (*i*) No. 167 (*i*) on the 15th

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